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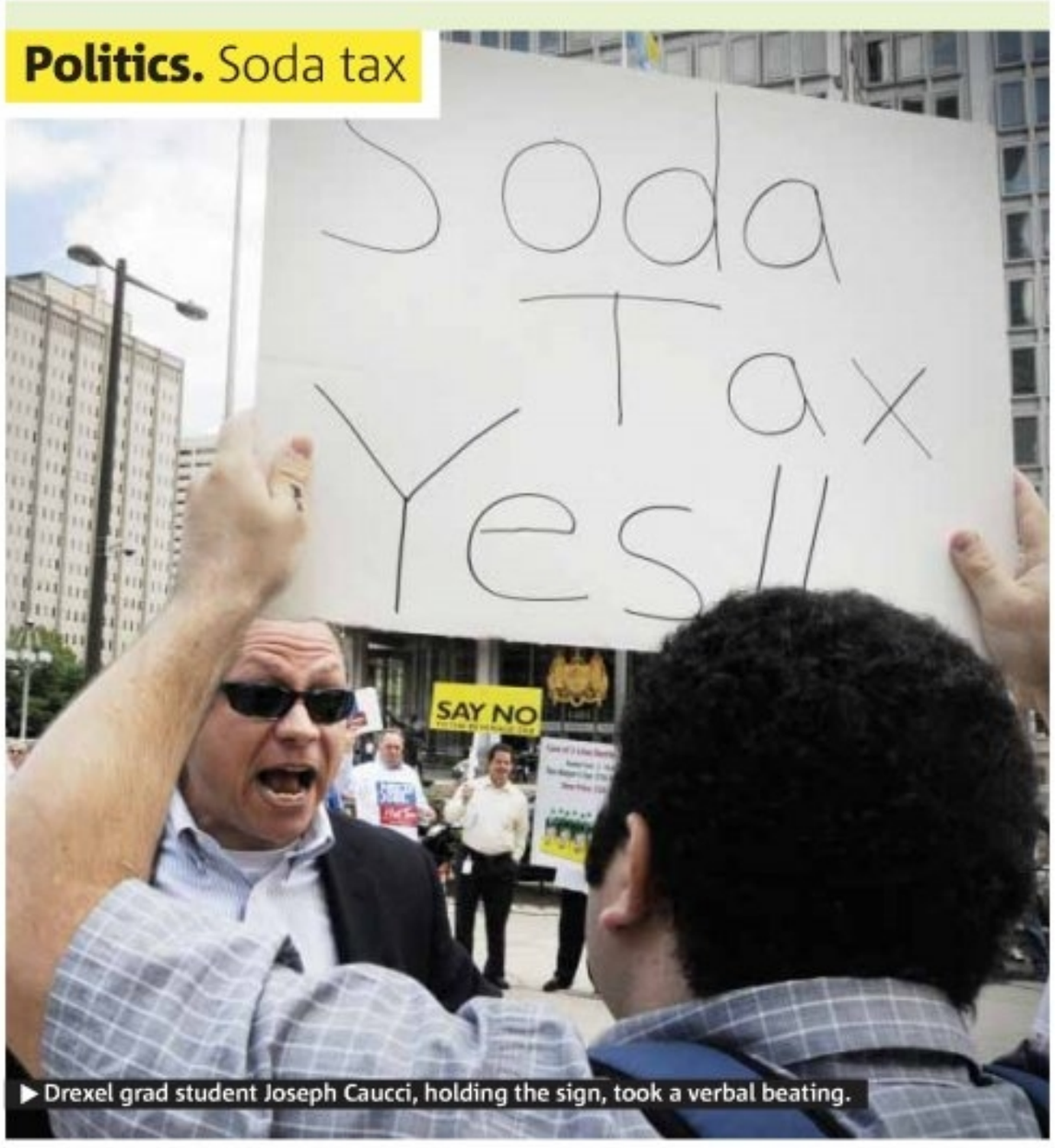

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▶ Drexel grad student Joseph Caucci, holding the sign, took a verbal beating.

Shaken and stirred over soda tax

Union beverage delivery drivers rallied against Mayor Nutter's proposed tax on sugary beverages yesterday outside City Hall while one man took a principled stand for the tax. "I do drink soda and I'm happy to pay more for it," he said. {page 02}

More Blue Ball than Intercourse, survey says

▶ Trojan study finds Philadelphians have least sex of nation's big cities ▶ Conversely, we really enjoy it {page 02}

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Publishing world must ask: WTF?

▶ 'Go the F— to Sleep' rockets to top of best-seller list {page 07}

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It's not quanity of sex, it's the quality

We have towns nearby in Pennsylvania called Intercourse and Blue Ball — and Philadelphia is apparently more Blue Ball than Intercourse.

Philadelphians get it on an average of 99 times per year, compared with 120 times for most Americans,

according to a sex census conducted by Trojan Condoms. However, Philadelphians clearly value quality over quantity, reporting the highest rate of sexual satisfaction. Eighty-two percent weighed in as satiated.

"If you think about it, Philadelphia is an incredible city, but it's not huge," said Logan Levkoff, a University of Pennsylvania-educated sexologist. "It's not its size that makes it great and the same goes for sex: It doesn't have to be about numbers for it to be good."

ALEXANDRA WIGGLESWORTH

"A large majority of people in Philadelphia say they're in a committed relationship and I think that has more to do with it." LEVKOFF

Soda tax fight far from fizzled out

- Nutter takes politics of tax for education to schools around city
- Union drivers for beverage companies rail against tax outside City Hall

While Mayor Michael Nutter took his campaign for more school funding on the road yesterday, union leaders and lobbyists from the beverage industry held a boisterous rally outside City Hall in opposition to Nutter's proposed sugary drinks tax.

For the second straight year, Nutter has proposed a 2-cents-per-ounce tax on sugar-sweetened beverages — this time to generate about $60 million for the cash-strapped city school district. The alternative is raising property taxes for the second consecutive year. City Council could take an initial vote on the idea this week. Those who oppose the beverage tax claim it would hurt sales and lead to job losses.

"It doesn't matter what they say it's for, it's a bad tax," Councilman Brian O'Neill told the crowd yesterday. "It is way, way too much, even if it were a good tax."

The Nutter administration has countered by saying that not taking any action would result in massive teacher layoffs and larger class sizes. To make his case, Nutter spent yesterday visiting several schools that would be affected by the district's budget cuts.

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▶ The soda and beverage lobby joined union delivery drivers protested outside City Hall.

Pro-soda, pro-tax

Joseph Caucci knew he'd be in for some verbal abuse when he brought a pro-soda tax poster to an anti-soda tax rally yesterday, but the Drexel University graduate student said the issue is an easy choice for him.

"I do drink soda and I'm happy to pay more for it." CAUCCI

"I'm especially passionate about this issue because we're seeing cuts to education all over the place and we're seeing all this obesity," said Caucci, a Center City resident. "You better the public health if people cut back on sugar. It's not really even a tax increase in the long term, if you save on health care." METRO/BXM

▶ The Giant Wheel

Parents: Ride needed restraints

The parents of an 11-year-old girl who died after falling off a Ferris wheel at the Jersey Shore called for restraints on the high-flying rides yesterday.

Abiah Jones, of Pleasantville, fell from the Giant Wheel at Morey's Pier in Wildwood on June 3 during a school trip.

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Teachers' layoffs held off

PENNSYLVANIA. On Monday, a Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice temporarily upheld an order rescinding layoffs for more than 1,500 teachers in the Philadelphia School District, pending further review.

The ruling postponed a hearing set for yesterday morning on a lawsuit filed by the teachers' union.

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In the news

Center City groper nabbed

A middle-aged man walked into Max Studio, a retail store on Walnut Street in Center City, and groped a store clerk yesterday morning, police said. The man was eventually arrested when police found him half a block away at 16th Street.

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Milestone for project that helps owners

Community officials gathered yesterday to celebrate the success of the mortgage foreclosure divergence program. The program, headed by Judge Annette Rizzo, was created in response to the national mortgage foreclosure crisis.

The program created an accessible way for homeowners facing foreclosure to obtain the resources needed to keep their homes by establishing a dialogue between homeowners and lenders. With the new program this dialogue occurs in an attempt to work out an agreement before the home is able to go to a sheriff's sale.

"Homeowners are now 10 times more likely to reach an agreement with their lenders than go to a sheriff's sale," Deborah McColloch of the Office of Housing and Community Development said. The second phase of the program will begin shortly and focuses on financial education for homeowners.

"I hope that someday we will see the end of the need for this program," Judge Webster Keogh said.

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"This program saves homes, saves communities and saves families."
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$2M Pro bono work donated to residents by attorneys since the foreclosure divergence program started

Charlie Manuel honored for more than baseball

Phillies manager recognized by Magee Rehabilitation as 'Humanitarian of the Year' His regular visits have lightened hearts of those healing

During batting practice before last night's game, Phillies Manager Charlie Manuel sat among a gaggle of print and TV reporters fielding questions about the upcoming four-game, three-day Marlins series.

Then, he donned a blue-and-white "Team Magee" hat which he was handed to acknowledge the rehabilitation hospital's Humanitarian of the Year award.

"It really feels good that you'd honor me like this," he said to Magee CEO John Carroll. "It's great, just great."

In deciding their annual Humanitarian Award, a selection committee recognizes "those who contribute positively to the role of health care and, or, the lives of individuals with disabilities in the Philadelphia region." Manuel's support of initiatives that combat homelessness and support ALS research and visiting wounded veterans and Magee patients during the holidays led to the choice.

RICARD LARMA/METRO
▶ Manuel

Healing garden

A Magee spokesman said statistics show that healing gardens like the one which will be built after the Humanitarian of the Year dinner can help shorten the length of hospital stays, reduce the amount of pain medications needed and improve the mental well-being of patients and their families.

"His visits always brighten our patients' days," said Mark Chilutti, a former patient who serves as Magee's assistant VP of development. "He genuinely cares and wants to do whatever he can to motivate our patients to keep working hard."

Manuel will be officially recognized at the Nov. 15 Humanitarian Award Dinner, proceeds from which will build the Charlie Manuel Healing Garden on Magee's Center City rooftop.

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▶ The center at Sixth and Porter streets could close by July 1 if thousands can't be raised.

Seniors: 'We're not dead yet!'

Cherished community center in South Philadelphia in dire financial straights Senior citizens rally, promise to be out every day until the money is raised

Toting signs like "We're Not Dead Yet!!!" and chanting "2, 4, 6, 8, we don't want to relocate," several dozen senior citizens marched in front of the Stiffel Senior Center yesterday, hoping they could convince donors to step up with at least $200,000 to save their "home away from home."

The Klein and Stiffel JCCs, which oversees the 84-year-old center at Sixth and Porter streets, has set a June 30 fundraising deadline.

If that's not met, the facility will close July 31. JCCs Vice President Raechel Hammer said the $200,000 deficit and estimated $350,000 in capital repairs were to blame.

With public funding unlikely, 1st District Councilman-Elect Mark Squilla is scrambling for potential private donors to lead the JCCs to rethink their deadline.

Squilla told protestors, "We'll be here every day until that money is raised."

Seniors like Harry Azoff, 87, worried about the dire impacts of losing a close-knit community that serves an estimated 450 annually.

"I had other hobbies that I neglected, gleefully, to come here. It's where I spend most of my time," he said. "If it closes, I think I'll just glue myself to the TV. I'd have nothing. Many of us will just fade away."

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Center of it all

Rosina Sapienza, 84, takes a van from her home from across Broad Street because she likes the Stiffel crew. There are other centers, but she doesn't want to leave community behind.

▶ **"We're all here trying to survive,"** said the 84-year-old who lives with her pet dog, bird and a squirrel she named J.J. "What are we supposed to do, go home and stare at the walls?"

Filthy with a capital PH

Philadelphians perceive their city as filthy even more than the tourists do.

Residents and visitors have ranked Philadelphia as one of the dirties cities in America, according to a new survey by Travel and Leisure magazine.

The poll, which asked readers to rank the cleanliness of 35 cities, ranked Philadelphia No. 34 among visitors and No. 35 among residents. Philadelphia was voted the fourth dirtiest city in the previous year's poll.

Not all of the polling results were negative, however. Philly ranked highly in terms of pizza (No. 4) and historical sites and monuments (No. 6).

35 Rank Philadelphians gave their own city, which is dead last, on a list of dirtiest big cities in America.

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The future of flight?

▶ According to plane-maker Airbus, the plane of the future will be tailored to individual needs, including a "smart-tech zone" to allow passengers to "continue life as if on the ground."

This ain't science fiction — this transparent plane is what we could be flying in 40 years from now. This is the futuristic vision of Airbus, unveiled this week in London, which offers panoramic views of the skies in the front of the aircraft and virtual reality gaming in the middle. Nervous flyers may want to opt out. MWN

'Intelligent' plane structure

The concept cabin would be a bionic structure that mimics the efficiency of bird bone. It allows for an "intelligent" wall membrane which controls air temperature and can become transparent.

"The concept cabin shows that the journey can be as much a voyage of discovery as the destination."

CHARLES CHAMPION, AIRBUS ENGINEERING EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

New flying experiences

Inside the cabin will be a "vitalizing zone," Airbus says, which will help travelers relax in vitamin-and antioxidant-enriched air, mood lighting and acupressure treatments, powered by passenger body heat.

2050

The year that the new transparent plane will be ready for travelers to board, according to Airbus.

It's all about 'first class'

New personalized zones will replace the traditional cabin classes, said Airbus. An "interactive zone" will provide virtual pop-up projections simulating social scenes like golf or changing rooms for shoppers.

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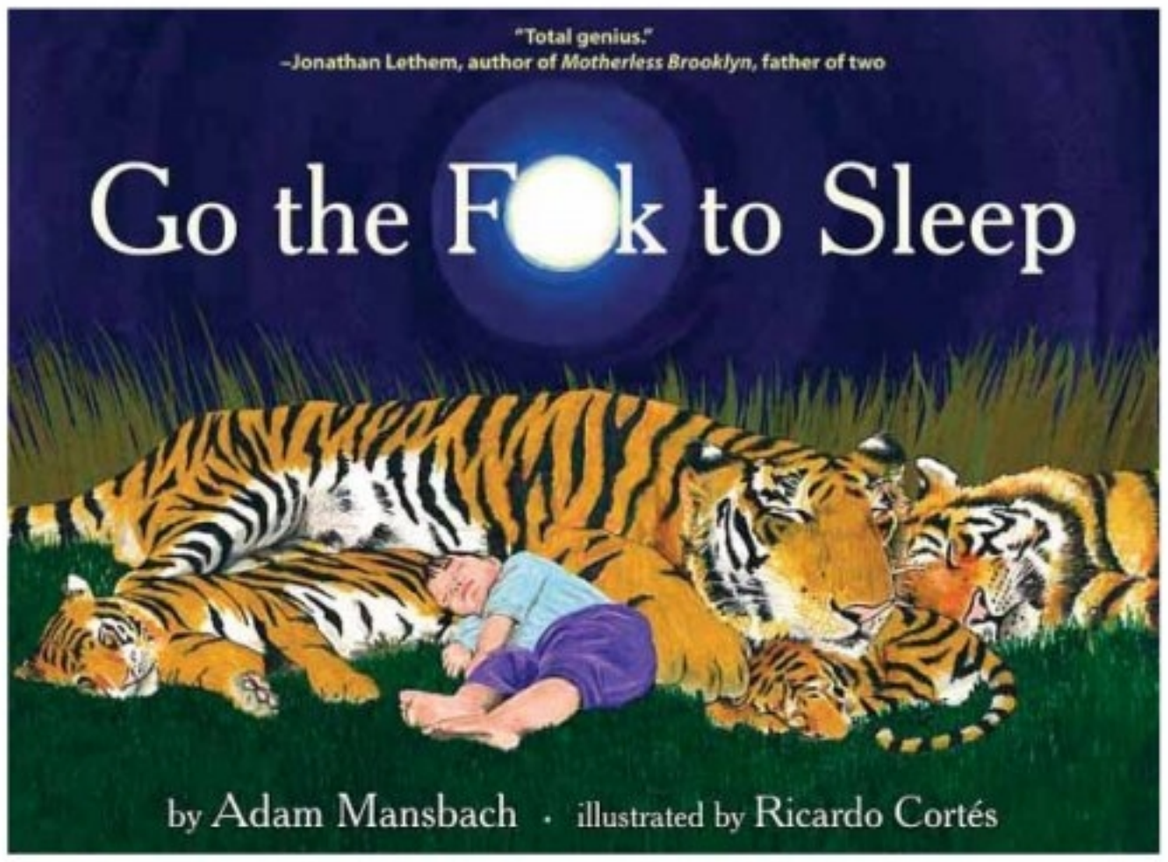
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Go the F k to Sleep
by Adam Mansbach · illustrated by Ricardo Cortés

Adam Mansbach has had three novels and a book of poems published, but it was a brief Facebook update wishing his 2-year-old daughter would "Go the F— to Sleep" which helped him hit publishing gold.

Now a year later, the resulting parody of a children's book may be the unlikeliest hit book of the summer.

Ahead of its release yesterday, the expletive-laced book of rhyming verse had advance sales of over 100,000 copies and is in its fifth printing, which takes copies in print to over 400,000.

"After a particularly difficult time putting my 2-year-old daughter Vivien to bed, I posted on Facebook ... 'Be on the lookout for my forthcoming children's book, Go the F— to Sleep,'" Mansbach recalls of the unlikely night that changed his professional life. "It was a joke. It was not a book I had any intention of writing at the time."

But he's not too worried what his daughter will think of it when she's older: "This book may well be the reason that we are living in a house and not under a bridge."

REUTERS

A verse

**"The eagles who soar though the sky are at rest,
And the creatures who crawl, run and creep.
I know you're not thirsty.
That's bulls—. Stop lying.
Lie the f— down, my darling, and sleep."**

Huntsman to join race

NEW YORK. Former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman will announce his bid for the White House next Tuesday, bringing a moderate Republican and expert on America's fastest-growing competitor into the race. The former U.S. ambassador to China is one of the few GOP hopefuls who worries President Barack Obama's re-election team, though his name recognition is low. REUTERS

CEOs not optimistic

NEW YORK. Most CEOs of large U.S. companies expect higher sales and higher capital spending in the next six months, but their optimism about economic conditions and expectations for growth are more muted than three months ago, according to a quarterly survey. REUTERS

BoA didn't cooperate

Bank of America Corp., the largest U.S. lender, "significantly hindered" a federal review of its foreclosures on loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration, the U.S. said. The bank was slow in providing data and offered incomplete information, the government said. BLOOMBERG

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Celebrating 40 years in the war on drugs!

Trillions of dollars and thousands of lives later, war is still going strong

What a long, strange trip it's been! This week marks the 40th anniversary of the U.S.-led war on drugs, following its announcement by President Richard Nixon on June 17, 1971. METRO

"The global war on drugs has failed, with devastating consequences for individuals and societies around the world."
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Where Obama stands

Last year, the Obama administration announced a "shift" in U.S. drug policy aimed at treating abuse from a public health standpoint. Last week, however, a report urging legalization and regulation was dismissed by the president.

A LEAP ahead

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, a group of pro-legalization law enforcers, released a report yesterday criticizing Obama for upping drug war efforts.

By the numbers

40M
Total drug war-related arrests since 1971. Drug offenses remain the No. 1 cause of incarceration domestically, high above arrests for violent crimes.

11M+
Approximate number of arrests for marijuana-related offenses since 1980, based on figures from "Drug War Facts."

$500
Cost to government, per second, in the war on drugs.

$15B
U.S. budget for drug war-related activities for 2011-2012.

$1T
Estimated cost of prosecuting the war on drugs for 40 years, according to an AP report.

SOURCE: OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY, "DRUG WAR FACTS", DRUGSENSE.ORG, ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Many are wondering: What do we have to show for our costly efforts spent prosecuting a so-called war on drugs?

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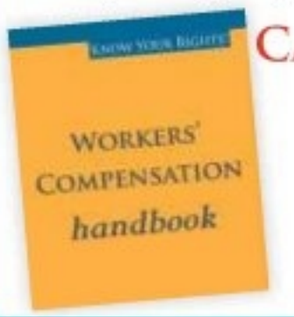

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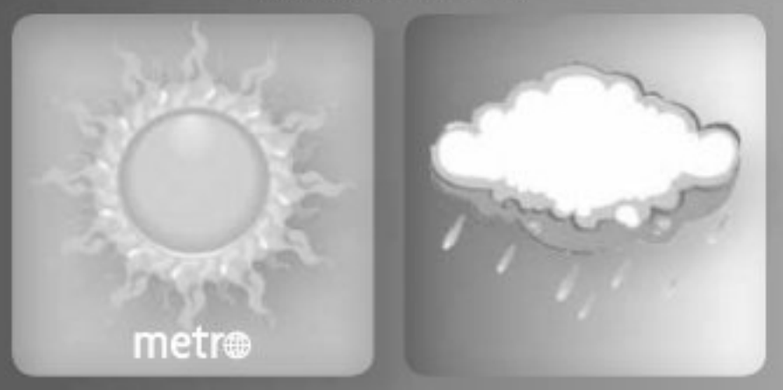

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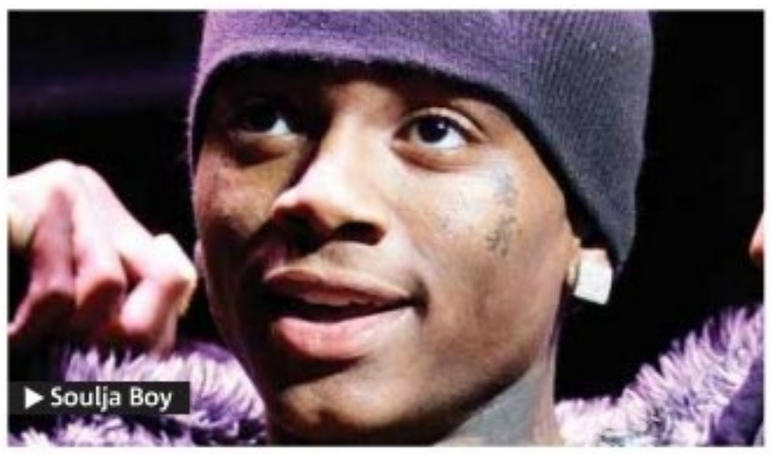
Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

– Dorothy Robinson will return Monday.

Soulja Boy was 'hacked'


▶ Soulja Boy

If you're a fan of **Soulja Boy**'s Facebook page, you may have read his little racist, homophobic tantrum over the weekend. (Also, you may have to explain why you're a Soulja Boy fan.)

But according to the rapper, like so many other wronged and pious celebrities, he was hacked! "I wanted to clear the air and let everyone know that my Facebook got hacked," he says in a statement to TMZ. "I had administrators on my account that no longer work with me. The hackers used these old accounts to post hateful messages. This was not done by me or anyone on my team, and I'm upset that I am being labeled as a racist and homophobic person."

Honey, in case you haven't noticed, the "I was hacked" defense isn't working out so well these days. It's the new "they were prescription painkillers for my deviated septum surgery" excuse.

'Game of Thrones' actor stabbed

▶ Bean

Sean Bean — aka Ned Stark on the new HBO nerd-fest "Game of Thrones" — was stabbed at a London bar Sunday night. Not that he went to a hospital or anything: "We saw to his injuries with the first aid kit. He seemed OK and wanted to have another drink," an employee told the Daily Mail.

And with that, he's promoted to the front of our "must drink with" list.

Hugh Hefner's wedding off

Crystal Harris canceled her wedding to **Hugh Hefner** after a fight over the weekend, reports TMZ. The 25-year-old packed up, moved out of the mansion and caused an existential crisis for Metro's gossip page:

What does she want?! True love? Make it stop!

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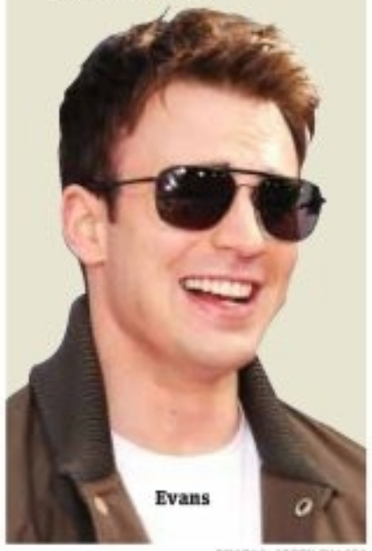
Stop talking, Chris Evans

To be fair, **Chris Evans** comes across as a fun, likable guy in July's GQ cover story. Nevertheless, the new "Captain America" did say this: "When I see a sunset or a waterfall or something, for a split second it's so great, because for a little bit I'm out of my brain, and it's got nothing to do with me. I'm not trying to figure it out, you know what I mean?"

We do. And that's unfortunate.


Evans

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or less.

Today, a pregnant Tori Spelling is a bit shaken, Chris Colfer is nervous about getting too much attention, Jimmy Kimmel has some parenting ideas and Jonah Hill is entertaining senior citizens.

▶ @torianddean
Paparazzi chased me w/the kids 2school. I was trying to get away from him and had a pretty big accident. Took down whole wall of school. He thn STILL got out to try to get pics. Wht will it take? Someone dying for paparazzi to stop?

▶ @chriscolfer
Anyone know why Kurt Hummel is trending? Was my fly down at the concert last night or something?

▶ @jimmykimmel
I'd like parents to start naming boys Barney again.

▶ @JonahHill
Old people love it when you guess how many years they have left.

Hill

Talking points

Sheen to be back on the air?

▶ Sheen

Charlie Sheen is reportedly in "deep negotiations" for a return to network television after his very public departure from "Two and a Half Men," according to TMZ. While the network with which Sheen is said to be negotiating has not been named, sources say the new sitcom would go straight on the air without having to have a pilot episode reviewed, which is incredibly rare in television. A deal could be finalized by the end of the week.

Gomez on health issues

▶ Gomez

At her first performance since being hospitalized last week, pop singer **Selena Gomez** addressed the health issues that ruined her weekend, according to People magazine. "I was just very malnourished, so I was low on iron and exhausted," she said from the stage at Santa Monica Place Monday night. "I do feel better." Gomez's mother, **Mandy Teefey**, meanwhile, wants to see her daughter not work as hard, according to Popeater. "Her schedule is insane," a source says. "Now even Selena knows she needs to slow down."

Fergie's not making babies

Fergie

Black Eyed Peas singer **Fergie** says she understands where all the rumors about her baby-making plans are coming from. "I gain and lose weight everywhere from the thighs up. I think people think that I'm pregnant sometimes because my weight fluctuates," she tells Allure magazine. "My problem is my discipline. I see a Jack in the Box or a Del Taco, and I will impulsively want it. I'm a work in progress in that area."

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‘Spider-Man’: Yes, it’s still bad

Infamous musical opened last night in NYC after monthlong retooling
Changes to music, choreography and plot might not save this superhero

The details

B’way do-over

“Spider-Man” went through a major overhaul before finally opening last night. Changes included:

- A more comedic, family-friendly Green Goblin (Patrick Page)
- Revised choreography
- Additional songs by Bono and The Edge
- Elimination of teenaged geek narrators onstage
- Played-up romance between leading couples
- Pared-down presence of non-canon characters

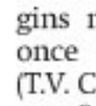
▶ Patrick Page and Reeve Carney in a scene from “Spider-Man: Turn Off The Dark.” For tickets, visit www.spidermanonbroadway.marvel.com.

JACOB COHL

Nonstop mockery has shrouded “Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark,” as technical glitches plagued the highly anticipated show since previews began in November 2010 — with roasts ranging from “Saturday Night Live” to “Sesame Street” to this week’s Tony Awards. Although lambasting mainly targeted the dangerous and embarrassing high-flying hang-ups, some of the show’s less scandalous flaws were actually its most grievous: a confusing storyline, murky musical numbers and lack of focus. When “Spider-Man” closed in April, a new team was assembled to help fix some of the major flaws crippling the exorbitantly expensive production originally overseen by Julie Taymor. Creative consultant Philip William McKinley and book editors Glen Berger and Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa came on to doctor the show.

But the cosmetic surgeries only highlighted the need for a complete heart transplant. The storyline remains watered down, with predictable dialogue and a plot you already know (you can save yourself $100 and rent it on Netflix). Because revisions mainly diminished the lone creative addition to the web-slinging origins myth — turning the once villainous Arachne (T.V. Carpio) into a superfluous Spidey cheerleader — what’s left is an overplayed, uninteresting bore. Thank goodness there are stunning visuals and aerials to keep audiences awake.

The problem is succinct: The book and lyrics are simply lacking. They eschew engagement on an intellectual or emotional level. With punny one-liners and two-dimensional romantic arcs that even Marvel fans may find insulting, the newer version ends up playing it much safer than the original. That should be a good thing, history considered; but though cast members may no longer be visiting the ER, “Spider-Man” may be headed for the morgue.



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Junior Boys will be boys

Group founder Jeremy Greenspan on why he just can't seem to make an R&B record, no matter how hard he tries

Jeremy Greenspan always fails. He counts on it. It's one of the most consistent things about his career. As the founding member of the Canadian electro-pop duo Junior Boys, he's tried to make everything from an R&B record to a house record — but those efforts have never quite panned out.

"I think one of the good things about us is, if I ever say to myself I want to make an R&B record or a house record, we're not really good with that," Greenspan explains. "If we were good at pulling off at what we intend, I don't think we'll be that good. We just always end up sounding like ourselves."

And no one is complaining about the Junior Boys staying true to their breezy, danceable sound. Their new album, "It's All True," dropped this week — and Greenspan says that while this one is consistent with their trademark sound, it also explores some unconventional territory in the lyrics. "Musicians are supposed to talk about what they see and what they experience or their personal lives and relationships, but I feel like it's often the case that you're not supposed to write about your music career," Greenspan says. "That to me seems stupid. There's nothing musicians think more about than music."

Greenspan also lets us in on a little secret: Don't be fooled by the jubilant sounds you're hearing.

"In some ways, if we have a song that sounds happy, chances are we're not," he says, going a step further to link their music back to '70s disco.

"There's some kind of thing that happens between a depressing context or topic and this sort of joyful music," Greenspan muses. "I think a lot of disco has this quality where it's this uplifting music with some dark subtext going on. There's this joyful music that didn't reflect a joyful cultural context. It was sort of an escape."

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▶ The Junior Boys play Johnny Brenda's on Friday night. Visit www.johnnybrendas.com for more info.

Mix master

The Junior Boys have done dozens of remixes for a wide range of artists, so we asked Greenspan for some insight into how they do it.

▶ **"The most fulfilling remixes** are when you take from the original, take it apart, then re-arrange. If you're remixing someone who is good, you can only take a bit of it apart.

▶ **"If you're remixing something you don't like** so much, you are doing it for the paycheck. Chances are you're going to write your own track and keep as little as you can from the original song."

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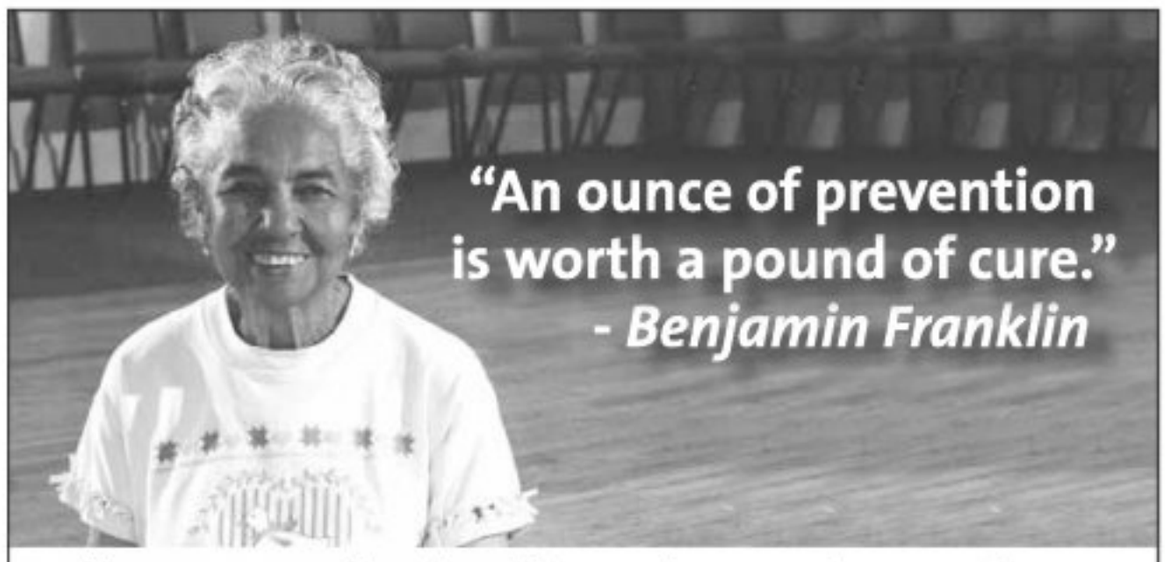

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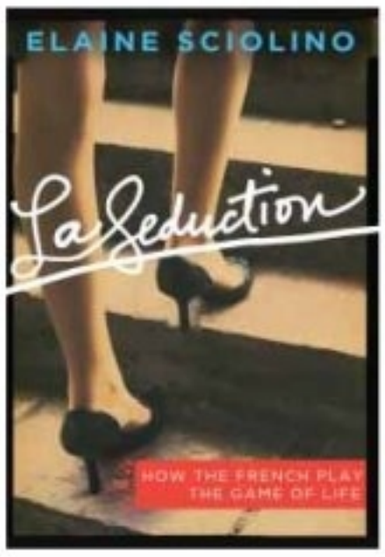
Why France, are you trying to seduce me?

According to acclaimed author and journalist Elaine Sciolino, seduction is 'an essential strategy for the way the French conduct their lives' If the European nation hasn't yet cast its spell on you, 'La Seduction' will have you planning a rendezvous from the very first chapter It's love at first read

▶ "I go out on the street every day hoping there will be some new discovery. That's what makes France such a magical place to live," says author and Paris correspondent Elaine Sciolino.

While navigating Paris via the Metro, you can fall in love a handful of times per train stop. The overwhelming quantity — and qualities — of attractive Parisians is hypnotizing. Comparatively, one can expect to be severely disappointed back home, where engaging strangers simply with a coy look — "le regard" — is almost unheard of. But if you first read "La Seduction," you'd learn that with flirtation comes many unspoken rules based on aesthetics, circumstance and intuition.



As a longtime foreign correspondent for The New York Times, author Elaine Sciolino is the archetypal American in Paris who knows how to play the French game of life without taking herself too seriously. In "La Seduction," she reconciles her nascent and adopted cultures with wit and wisdom, offering an outsider's spin on how seduction permeates French culture, history, politics, cuisine and behavior.

The ex-pat examines basic differences between the U.S. and France, like American efficiency versus an emphasis on process embraced by the French. Sexual dynamics differ, too. Many of Sciolino's female French friends and colleagues claim to find candid compliments from strangers on the street to be more flattering than offensive. She also notes that French society judges infidelity differently, in both politics and private life.

"We tend to consider infidelity as betrayal, but for the French, it is often the glue that keeps the order of things," says Sciolino. When discussing the indiscretions of politicians for example, "[The French] might say, 'It's nothing. It's private life that should be kept sacred.' Americans take a more puritanical view."

In spite of cultural disparities, "La Seduction" breaks down the French aptitude for refinement, sensuality and ceremony — what we typically call "joie de vivre." It's not just wine, perfume and lingerie that lure over 80 million visitors to France per year: It's the romance.

However, Sciolino acknowledges our limitations. "Outsiders can never completely understand a foreign culture," she says. "The best approach is to come with curiosity, a sense of adventure and a deeply rooted feeling of humility."

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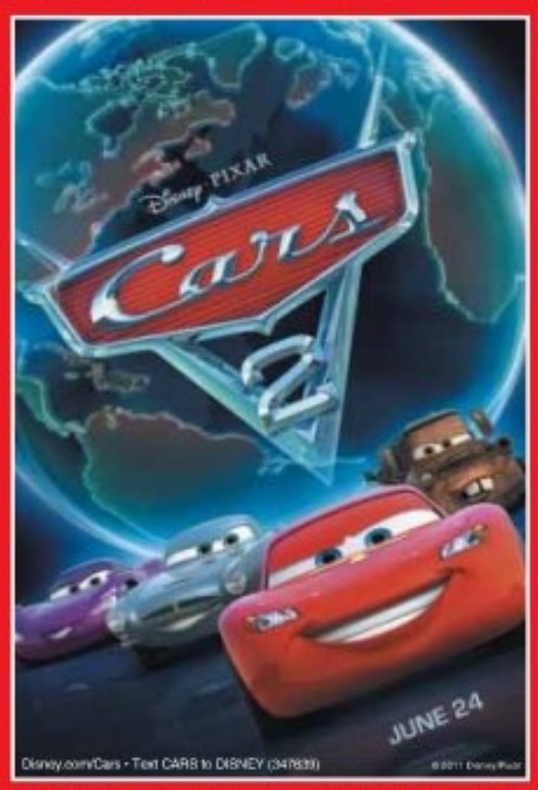

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▶ Happy birthday, Paul!
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TV watch list

'Jon Benjamin Has a Van'

COMEDY. H. Jon Benjamin, whose voice can be heard on "Archer" and "Bob's Burgers," travels in what more appropriately should be called a creepmobile — the windowless, light blue van features a painting of the comic naked on its side, after all — to file "investigative" reports in this new addition to Comedy Central's fake-news canon. **Series premiere,**

MARK DAVIS
▶ "Jon Benjamin Has a Van" — or creepmobile, you decide.

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Behind the scenes of a 'Platinum Hit'

New show gives songwriters a stage Host and judge Jewel knows a thing or two about penning a chart-topper

Jewel is looking for snipers. Marksmen of the musical variety, that is.

In the new Bravo series "Platinum Hit," the artist, along with former "American Idol" judge Kara DioGuardi, is searching for the writer behind the next song you just can't get out of your head. "We're looking for hit men who can write for Carrie Underwood, then write for Ke$ha," Jewel says of the genre-jumping competition, now in its fifth week. "Not every hit songwriter does that, but we're trying to make [the contestants] as competitive as possible. If they're going to feed their family on songwriting, they need to have a lot in their tool belt."

"If they're going to feed their family on songwriting, they need to have a lot in their tool belt."
JEWEL ON THE SERIES' CONTESTANTS

Though a 12-time platinum seller herself with "Pieces of You," Jewel admits she "didn't really know 'songwriter' was a career option," even as she went on to become one of the most recognizable singer-songwriters of the '90s. "You can make millions off of one hit, just one gig," she explains, "and most people don't know about that."

In the vein of "Project Runway" and "Top Chef," "Platinum Hit" pulls back the curtain on an industry that demands artistry, delving into contestants' backstories as their creativity is put to the test in weekly challenges. "It's so educational to watch this show and see what it takes to be the best in the business," Jewel says. "I'm so glad to be part of a show that puts a serious light on a craft that I care about."

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▶ Jewel, left, and Kara DioGuardi are looking for the next great songwriter on "Platinum Hit," airing Mondays at 10 p.m. on Bravo.

No faking

Throughout the course of taping "Platinum Hit," Jewel was thoroughly impressed with the talent on display during each challenge.

"When you're asked to come up with a product, something unique, in such a short amount of time, you have to have a lot of skills," she says.

Any songwriting rules she stressed? "Be authentic. Be real. We can tell — the audience can tell — when you're faking it. It just doesn't move you emotionally," she says.

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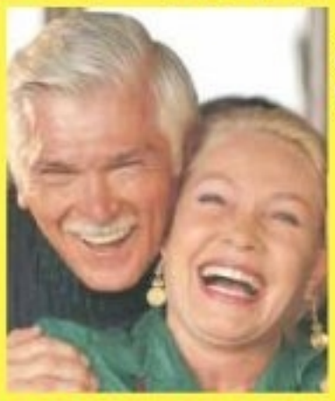
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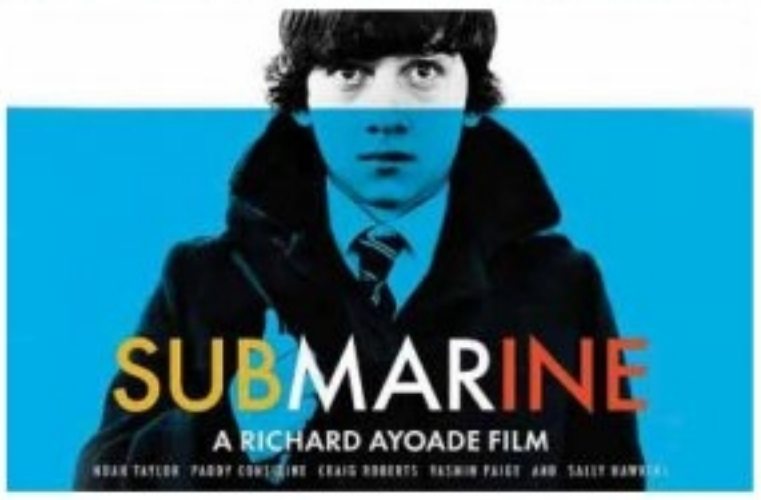
A director comes of age

Richard Ayoade, star of the British sitcom 'The IT Crowd,' gets behind the camera for 'Submarine,' his charming, coming-of-age indie pic

For his first narrative film, British writer and director Richard Ayoade (pronounced eye-oh-WA-dee) chose to take on adapting "Submarine," a sharp-tongued, "Catcher in the Rye"-esque coming-of-age novel, and bringing its not-quite-sympathetic hero Oliver Tate (Craig Roberts) to the screen. Ayoade sat down with Metro to discuss bringing the book to life and the joys of unrelatable characters.



What changed from the novel while you were adapting the screenplay?
I suppose the thing that happens often with novels is there's an unreliable narrator that you have to put into some form of reality. In turn, the film is more behavior-based. His voice-over juxtaposes with what you see is true of his behavior. I suppose that's the main difference.

Did the author, Joe Donthorne, have a lot of input?
I'd give him drafts to read. In terms of writing, Joe was sort of done once he'd finished the book. I think he just wanted to be kept in the loop in case he felt, say, a character wasn't anything like the character that he'd written. It changed quite a bit, but hopefully in a way that allowed it to work rather in a way that made it less like the book for its own sake.

Oliver isn't a completely sympathetic protagonist ...
I think sometimes there's an undue emphasis on the idea of you being able to relate to characters. I don't think you need to feel you are like a character to be interested in watching them. Like, I didn't feel like I was much like Christian Bale's character in "The Fighter," but I certainly enjoyed watching him. And it wasn't even that I can relate to that character — it's a completely deranged crackhead.

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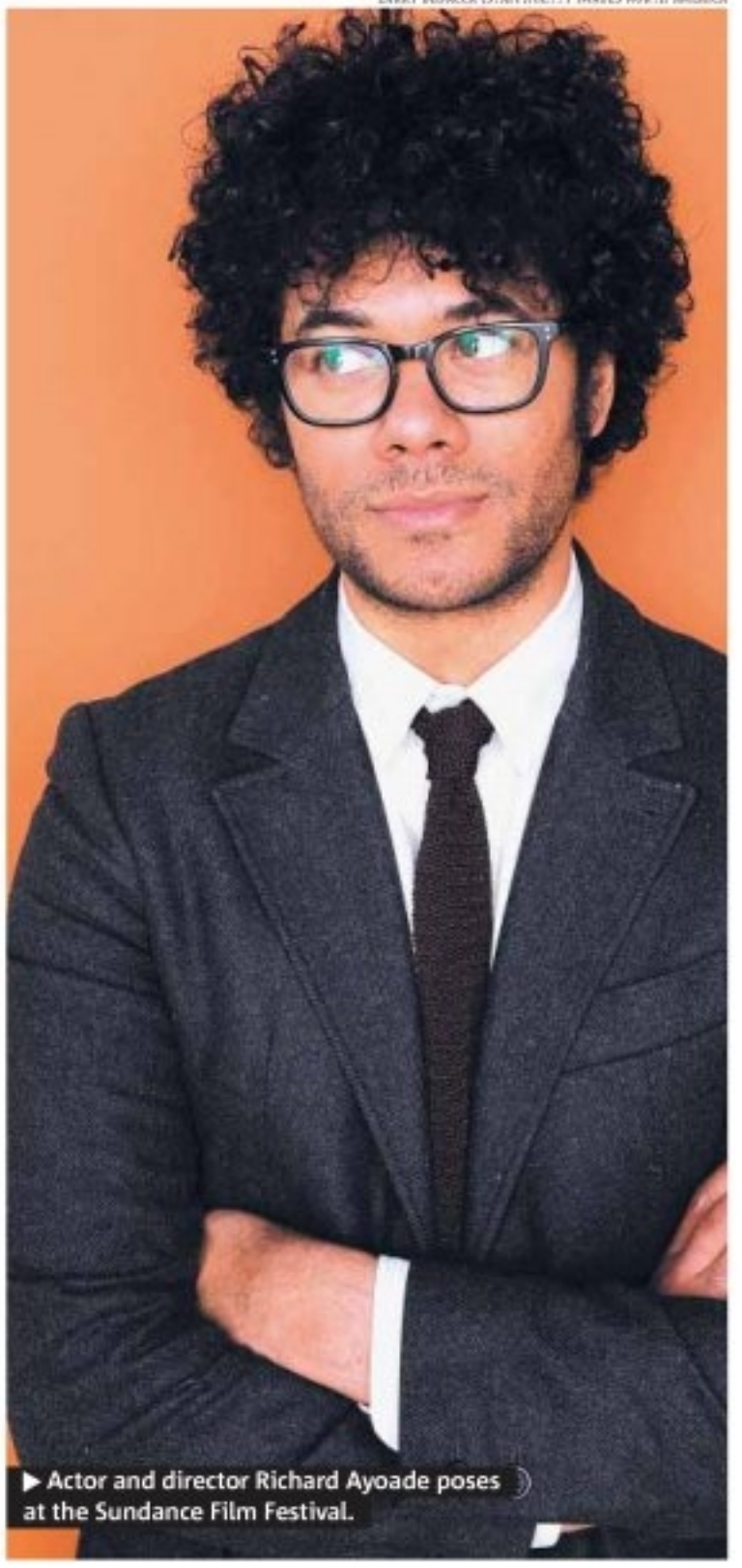
Q&A: Oliver twist

How much did you relate to Oliver?

It's more that I was just interested to see what he did. You know, there are things in the book that he did that I couldn't understand. It's not really interesting to me to read about a character who behaves exactly like I would. It's interesting seeing things about characters that aren't like you. It's interesting watching "Badlands" and going, "Why is she going along with this?" You don't go, "Well, I would've immediately left. I never would've even killed him!" Yeah, well, it wouldn't be a very interesting film.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High-waisted jeans & ghetto gold earrings

English singer-songwriter Jessie J deconstructs her signature '90s-influenced style She loves bold lipsticks, shoulder pads and Vivienne Westwood

"It's funny because I never thought of myself as a style icon," Jessie J says over the phone with two giggling friends in the background. We're talking about her trademark, in-your-face look that she likes to call "ghetto chic."

For the record, the words "style icon," are hers not ours. But it seems she's heard herself described as such enough times that she feels the need to comment on the label. Born Jessica Ellen Cornish, the British singer-songwriter has a personal style that is as memorable as her commanding, pliable voice. She's definitely the most style-y of England's ever-growing crop of talented soul singers (Adele, Amy Winehouse, Duffy.)

"It was never like, I need a gimmick. I need a look. I've always had the hair, lipstick, long nails," she says.

"I did hair modeling for three or four years. I had green and blue hair, a mohawk, but I always kept coming back to this bob. It's like my comfort blanket," she says, before pointing out that she's actually a natural blonde. And she's always styled herself. Since she's released her critically loved album, "Who You Are," the 23-year-old has been exposed to more influences. As opposed to a few years ago, she can now mix, say, Vivienne Westwood and Chanel into her usual repertoire of vintage and high-street clothes.

"I love teaming high fashion with, like, massive, tacky gold earrings. I grew up watching, like, TLC and Whitney Houston in the high-waisted jeans. All of that had an effect on me."

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Jessie J says TIGI Smoothing Lusterizer is what gets her hair so shiny.

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Building blocks

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"Cosmetic companies argue that the amount of parabens used in each product is very small — but they are used in a lot of products, and over time there's a cumulative effect," says Suki Kramer, head of Northampton, Mass.-based Suki natural skin care. "Sixty percent of product is absorbed into the body through the skin. [That's] just the same as a transdermal patch, like a nicotine patch."

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"Why extend shelf life for two or more years? We don't want that with our food," says Kramer, who advises checking labels. "The standards are different, but they shouldn't be."

Still, one doctor says that there's no pressing cause for concern.

"We know that parabens are absorbed and that makes people anxious," says Dr. Ruth Tedaldi, a dermatologist in Wellesley, Mass. "But it hasn't been sufficiently proven as a cause of breast cancer. It is important to have something that is an effective preservative. As with most things, we have to weigh up the risk against the benefit."

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Today in medicine

GLBT teens more likely to live on the edge

Study subjects: High-school students in seven states
Location of study: U.S.
Results: Time magazine reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention used data from Youth Risk Behavior Surveys conducted from 2001 to 2009 and found that "students who identified as being gay, lesbian or bisexual were more likely to report engaging in 70 percent of all the risk behaviors measured, compared with heterosexual students." Those behaviors included tobacco use, alcohol use, other drug use and sexual behaviors.
Significance: The CDC concluded that lacking 'safe and supportive environments' can contribute to this issue.

Yo-yo dieting healthier than no dieting

Study subjects: Mice
Location of study: U.S.
Results: Fox News reports: "Mice placed on alternating high- and low-fat diets lived 25 percent longer than those kept on a high-fat diet ... [They] also had better blood-glucose levels and a reduction in levels of cytokines — damaging protein molecules linked to diseases. ... Yo-yo mice lived an average of 2.04 years [and] the obese mice — 1.5 years."
Significance: Losing and gaining weight may be healthier for overweight people than not losing any excess fat at all.

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DAVID TERHUNE, VIA E-MAIL

Some of us are stuck in past

RE: "BLACK AND WHITE: SAME THING": It was so refreshing to read the words of Rich Brittle Sr. in the Metro. Racism is the scale that I use to measure humanity's evolution. Unfortunately, we have a few caveman left on this planet that refuse to evolve. Politicians know that the caveman is easily frightened and rattled — case in point the 2010 midterm elections which resulted in many states suffering from buyer's remorse. It's time to move forward, people.

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Capitalism's worst warrior

RE: "OBAMA: SECRET CAPITALIST": If being a capitalist were a job, Obama should be fired. All of the leading economic indicators used to forecast growth are off. He promised us jobs, and no real recovery has emerged as a result. Home values are off 33 percent, unemployment is steadily holding at more than 9 percent and we're selling more products abroad than here. Oh yeah — and inflation is rampant like the forest fires. So what is our genius Keynesian president doing about it? He's trying to raise taxes to pay for more free health care for those who cannot pay for it. Face facts, liberals: Obama is an economic catastrophe.

CHRIS WELCH, VIA E-MAIL

Cry for us, Rep. Boehner

While I had not heard of the Antideficiency Act, which prevents federal employees from overspending, I would have expected the speaker of the House to be familiar with it. According to a government watchdog, Rep. Boehner violated the law when he ordered counsel to sign a contract for $500,000 with a private law firm to defend the Defense of Marriage Act.

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Generally, teaming up with someone usually turns out to be rather fortunate for you, but today could prove to be an exception. Go it alone if possible.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you find that you have more responsibilities piling up than you can handle, do what you can without becoming frustrated. You'll take care of business in due time.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Be careful how you handle some shocking hearsay conveyed by a talkative friend. If you repeat it to others without first having its validity checked, trouble could ensue.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Friends or associates won't think less of you for avoiding problem areas that could cause you trouble. In fact, they'll admire you for your good judgment.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You're a person who usually doesn't turn a deaf ear to the advice or suggestions of cohorts. You'll have little interest in what others are saying.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If there are persons involved in your commercial affairs with whom you've never before dealt, tread slowly and cautiously. Check them out first before doing business.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Avoid being compelled to make an important decision under strong pressure, especially if your judgment isn't running up to par. Postpone doing so until another time.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** All those nasty jobs you've been putting off might catch up with you. It isn't likely that you'll have as much latitude as last time.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** It is never a good day to champion an unpopular cause, but now may be an exceptionally bad time to do so. Don't force your views on others, unless you relish a hostile reception.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** The disorder you find in your household may be your doing more than anybody else's, especially if you are having one of your moody days.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Avoid making any commitments, regardless if they are verbal or written. What people say or even put in writing will not stand the test of time, and will come back to haunt you.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If you need an emissary or someone to represent you in a matter that is of great importance to you, be extremely selective. If you make a bad choice, the issue will get worse.

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Dallas dynasty?

- Lakers too bitter, Thunder too inexperienced, Spurs too old
- Nowitzki, Mavericks could be primed for a back-to-back titles
- We make our way too early 2011-12 NBA predictions

Dirk Nowitzki is one of only four players in NBA history to average at least 25 points and 10 rebounds in the postseason.

Western Conf.

1. **Dallas ('10-11: 57-25, NBA champs)**
- **What to like:** The whole team. In an era of superteams, high on star power and low on chemistry, this Dallas team is a complete throwback. Dirk Nowitzki still has at least four more years playing at the level that earned him the Finals MVP, while Jason Kidd, 38, can run the show with J.J. Barea for at least two or three.
- **What to hate:** Complacency. The Mavs went 4-0 in elimination games this postseason to chase down that first ring. Will they be satisfied with just one?
2. **Los Angeles (57-25, lost in semis)**
- **What to like:** Kobe's refueled for one last run. Being bounced early may pay off in the long run, as the Lakers have almost played five full seasons the last four years if you take into account their three straight Finals' appearances.
- **What to hate:** Point guard play. The Lakers need to add speed or will once again be outrun by younger teams. Of course, if they trade for Dwight Howard, they won't even need a PG.
3. **Oklahoma City (55-27, lost in conf. finals)**
- **What to like:** Kevin Durant, if he convinces Russell Westbrook to get him the ball in crunch time.
- **What to hate:** Inside presence. Serge Ibaka and Kendrick Perkins proved too brittle against Dallas' massive front line.
4. **Memphis (46-36, lost in semis)**

- **What to like:** Zach Randolph averaged 23 and 12 in the postseason for a Grizzlies team that has just as much young talent but more balance than OKC.
- **What to hate:** Lack of leadership. No one on this team has advanced to the conference finals.
5. **San Antonio (61-21, lost in first round)**
6. **New Orleans (46-36, lost in first round)**
7. **Portland (48-34, lost in first round)**
8. **Golden State (36-46, missed playoffs)**

Eastern Conf.

1. **Chicago ('10-11: 62-20, lost in conference finals)**
- **What to like:** Derrick Rose is already an MVP at age 22, and one of the most motivated players in the league. Watching LeBron celebrate on his home floor will only make Rose hungrier.
- **What to hate:** The Bulls still lack a solid No. 2 scoring option, and Rose is the only player that can create his own shot on the entire team. They'll have to solve this problem (Michael Redd?) and buy Carlos Boozer some 5-hour ENERGY to actually win a title.
2. **Miami (58-24, lost in NBA finals)**
- **What to like:** It's easy to mock the Big Three for not winning it all, but advancing all the way to Finals in their first year together is quite an accomplishment. Now that they know each other's strengths and weaknesses, they'll be even deadlier. Of course, it wouldn't hurt for LeBron to develop a postgame or learn how to move off the ball.
- **What to hate:** Aside from James "shrinking" in the fourth quarter, the team has a huge question mark on the bench. Erik Spoelstra was outclassed by Rick Carlisle. Does he return? Does Pat Riley take over? Or do they roll out the red carpet for Phil Jackson?
3. **Boston (56-26, lost in semis)**
- **What to like:** A full year with Jeff Green. The Celtics looked very old in their five-game exit to Miami. But the 24-year-old swingman will get a whole year to learn coach Doc Rivers' defense-first system.
- **What to hate:** Old legs. Ray Allen (35), **Paul Pierce** (33) and Kevin Garnett (35) might all be future Hall of Famers, but they aren't getting any younger. The rest of the conference is.
4. **Atlanta (44-38, lost in semis)**
- **What to like:** The Hawks' core of Joe Johnson, Josh Smith and Al Horford have showed they can hang with the NBA's elite. Now they just have to master consistency in the playoffs.
- **What to hate:** They lack a true big man (they put Jason Collins on Dwight Howard in the playoffs) and their best bench player, Jamal Crawford, is set to leave via free agency.
5. **Knicks (42-40, lost in first round)**
- **What to like:** Mike D'Antoni's old tricks in a contract year. With Amare Stoudemire and Carmelo Anthony filling up the Garden, the Knicks were second in points per game (106.5).
- **What to hate:** Mike D'Antoni's old tricks. Without Donnie Walsh to protect him, James Dolan will cut D'Antoni if his defense finishes near last season's 105.7 points per game.
6. **Orlando (52-30, lost in first round)**
7. **Philadelphia (41-41, lost in first round)**
8. **Indiana (36-46, lost in first round)** METRO

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"I put a lot of pressure on myself not to let my teammates down, maybe to a fault at times ... I didn't play up to my own standards. Did that cost us the Finals? I don't know. I'm not satisfied with my performance."

LEBRON JAMES, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS YESTERDAY. JAMES SEEMED TO BE MIA IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

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Hamels quietly stating case for first Cy Young

World Series MVP proving as valuable as Halladay Entered last night with 8-2 mark, 2.58 ERA Skipper says lefty more mature, grown up

Rewind to April 5 when Cole Hamels had one of the worst starts of his career. Remember that game against the Mets? Hamels allowed six earned runs in 2 2/3 innings and exited to fans booing.

Turned out, there was nothing to fret about.

Hamels has pitched his way into Cy Young contention since that start. There's an argument to be made that Hamels is more valuable than teammate Roy Halladay.

"I think he's learned a lot about himself," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "I think he's very confident."

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▶ Hamels

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And he's been virtually untouchable at times. Hamels entered last night's game — which ended too late due to a rain delay — against Florida with an 8-2 mark and a stingy 2.58 ERA. The lanky lefty hadn't lost since May 8. Over his last five starts, Hamels is 4-0 with a 1.70 ERA while holding the opposition to a .186 average.

"He's mature and is growing up," Manuel said.

When the Phillies resigned Cliff Lee to join Halladay, Roy Oswalt and Hamels, there was a perception that Halladay and Lee were the one-two punch, followed by Oswalt and Hamels.

Well, Hamels has altered that perception with his consistency since that first-start clunker.

Cy Young? It's too early to tell. But he has been remarkable up to this point. Hamels was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2008 NLCS and World Series. If he keeps pitching at this pace, more honors just might be on the way.

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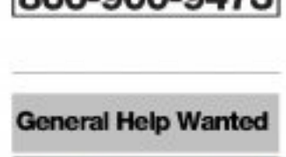

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FUN WAYS TO ENJOY SUMMER'S LOCKOUT

Opinion

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Well, we've officially hit the dead period in sports. The NBA season is over. There's the draft later this month ... but starting July 1, the real lockout takes hold.

Tonight, the NHL will crown a champion — the Bruins or Canucks — and go into its offseason. The NFL is still locked out. College football is 10 weeks from kickoff — and the sport is so corrupt and such a cesspool right now, you wonder if some fans are going to be turned off. The sport needs to wake up — pay the players and hope the kids feel as if they don't need to bend the rules. Title IX is outdated. College sports have turned into big business, and we all know socialism has never worked.

College basketball? That doesn't begin until the middle of November.

So what's a sports fan to do? Devote an entire summer to baseball? Not even the most diehard baseball fans could stomach that, unless you play fantasy baseball.

Some thoughts on what to do this summer:

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▶ Remember, don't stalk Kate Upton!

▶ **Become friends with Kate Upton,** who will definitely be the 2012 Sports Illustrated cover girl. It's best to approach her on Twitter. She's cordial and likes sports.

▶ **It's never too early to get a jump-start on those 2012 NFL mock drafts.** Depending on who comes out, the draft could be ridiculously loaded or just loaded. You could be looking at five to six franchise players in the first 15 picks.

▶ **Get Kim Kardashian something off her pretentious wedding registry** and, if possible, try to get creative in the card, like saying it's from the guy she made a sex tape with a few years back.

▶ **Since the NFL lockout is reportedly close to ending,** start to slowly tell your wife or significant other that any plans she made for Sundays must be scrapped or changed.

▶ **Make sure to see the following movies:** "Super 8," "Cowboys and Aliens," "Rise of the Planet of the Apes," and "The Change Up" (it features both Olivia Wilde and Leslie Mann).

▶ **Start a website and put a large clock on it that counts down to Rachel Bilson's upcoming show on the CW, "Hart of Dixie."** Bilson, who many guys fell in love with on "The OC," gave movies a shot, but either picked terrible projects or was just never offered a good one.

▶ **Write a tribute to humility for three weeks and mail it to the Miami Heat, care of LeBron James.** That, or just send a fake championship ring.

– Jason Raj McIntyre covers athletes off the field and runs the popular blog, The Big Lead.

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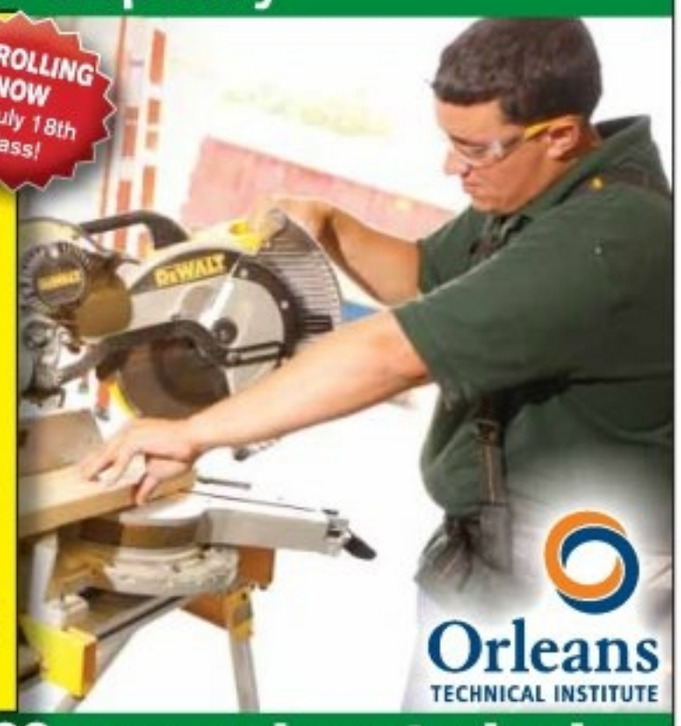

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Soul shake things up at quarterback

Franchise promotes Kirsch, benches Vena • Played under similar system in Colorado • Will start Friday

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Starting quarterback Ryan Vena has lost his job, after chucking two interceptions that were returned for scores last week in a 75-54 loss in Spokane. He will be replaced by Brandon Kirsch, who was acquired in a three-team trade last month.

"We brought Brandon here to help give us a lift on offense and this week he will get his shot," Soul coach Mike Hohensee said in a statement. "The advantage that he brings is his familiarity with the system, having played under a similar system in Colorado. Hopefully he can help us as we make a push for the postseason."

▶ Kirsch threw 23 TDs in his four years at Purdue.

Friday

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The Soul (5-8) are two and a half games behind Pittsburgh and Cleveland in the AFL's Eastern Division, with four of its last five games at the Wells Fargo Center.

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The sale will make pre-owned vehicles available for as low as **$1995,** prices not normally offered to the general public. According to Fred Beans, ***"We want to give our customers a reason to believe in the local economy again. Someone has to look out for their best interests."***

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▶ Pryor will enter the NFL's supplemental draft.

Talks heat up between NFL players, owners in DC

Third week of secret talks provide optimism Reports say lockout may end sometime this week NFLPA spokesman offers no prediction

The NFL owners and players are in "deal-making mode," according to ESPN. The two sides met again for secret talks yesterday in Washington, D.C. Multiple sources are saying that a deal is expected to be finalized before July.

In fact, a report on CBSSports.com said negotiations are 80 to 85 percent complete and predicted that an agreement could be reached this week.

NFLPA spokesman George Atallah wouldn't predict when a resolution to the 91-day lockout would be reached, but did post the following on his Twitter account, "We're focusing all our efforts on a long-term settlement, agreement and resolution. That's what we can control." METRO

Agent thinks Pryor is great QB

NFL superagent Drew Rosenhaus is up to his old tricks again, this time comparing Terrelle Pryor to top pick Cam Newton.

The former Ohio State QB will enter the NFL's supplemental draft, which is slated for next month. Teams may bid 2012 picks for the rights to Pryor.

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Neighborhood guide

For plenty of us, a sunny patch of grass in the Square is as close as we'll ever come to claiming a piece of Rittenhouse real estate. (Wait — you scored a bench near the ice cream truck? Consider yourself a mogul!) But if you ever are lucky enough to be shopping for a new pad in the area, you might be surprised to find yourself in diverse company.

"Honestly, the buyers range from the very young to the Baby Boomers and Baby Boomers-plus," says Joanne Davidow, a Realtor with Prudential Fox & Roach who also serves on the Rittenhouse Row board. "A lot of empty-nesters are looking, as well as students that are going to be doing graduate work at somewhere like Penn [who] will be here for five years or so and are looking to purchase."

A resident herself, Davidow has been selling in Rittenhouse for 33 years, during which she's seen the neighborhood transition into a destination. "The area has changed, and it's really reflective of the whole Center City area changing," she says. "The restaurant scene has completely changed everything, especially the ability to have outdoor cafes. When I first lived in the city, the sidewalks kind of rolled up at night — but now it's vibrant all the time."

The price tag

No one's going to tell you that living in Rittenhouse is cheap, but there are some more affordable properties "starting [around $200 thousand] for small condos or a small townhouse in Rittenhouse or the Graduate Hospital area," says Davidow.

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- Check your smoke detector monthly to make sure it's working.
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- Don't let your apartment have a "no one is home" look.
  - Pick up your mail, newspapers, and deliveries.
  - Use a timer on a lamp or two inside your apartment.
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  - Stop mail and other deliveries while you are on vacation.
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